

# Kalina Cycle Description and Applications

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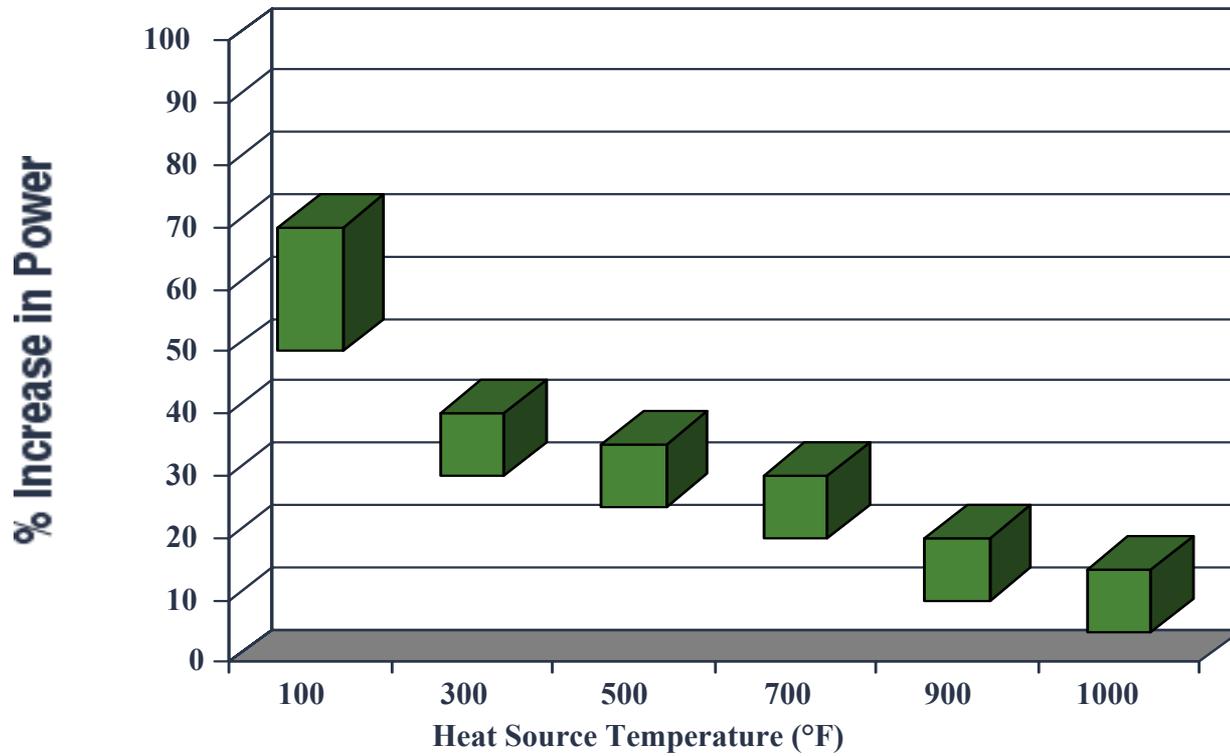
# Recurrent Resources, LLC World-wide Licensee The Kalina Cycle®

- The Kalina Cycle® is a breakthrough technology providing higher levels of performance that have been impossible to attain with traditional steam plants. It reduces the cost of power and decreases pollutant emissions by making power plants more efficient.
- This technology makes geothermal power competitive with all other new base-load generation technologies.
- Exergy holds over 250 world-wide patents on the Kalina Cycle®

# Advantages of Kalina Cycle Power Plants

- Higher Plant Efficiency
- Lower Generation Costs (less fuel, lower O&M costs)
- Reduced Emissions
- Less energy to heat working fluid
- Less fuel consumption in process
- More energy recuperation
- Lower cost of electricity per kilowatt -hour

# Comparison of Rankine Cycle Performance and Kalina Cycle Performance



# Waste Heat can be Most Efficiently Recovered to Produce Electrical Energy

What are the areas of applications?



500°C

## Waste Heat Recovery in Industries

- Gas compressor stations
- Iron + Steel Industry
- Cement Industry
- Chemical Industry
- Incineration Plants
- Diesel Plants



Waste Incineration (Japan)



Steel Plant (Japan)

100°C

## Hot Brine Heat Recuperation

- Geothermal Plants



Geothermal Plant (Iceland)

Primary Source

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# Kalina Cycle is Better than Rankine Cycle

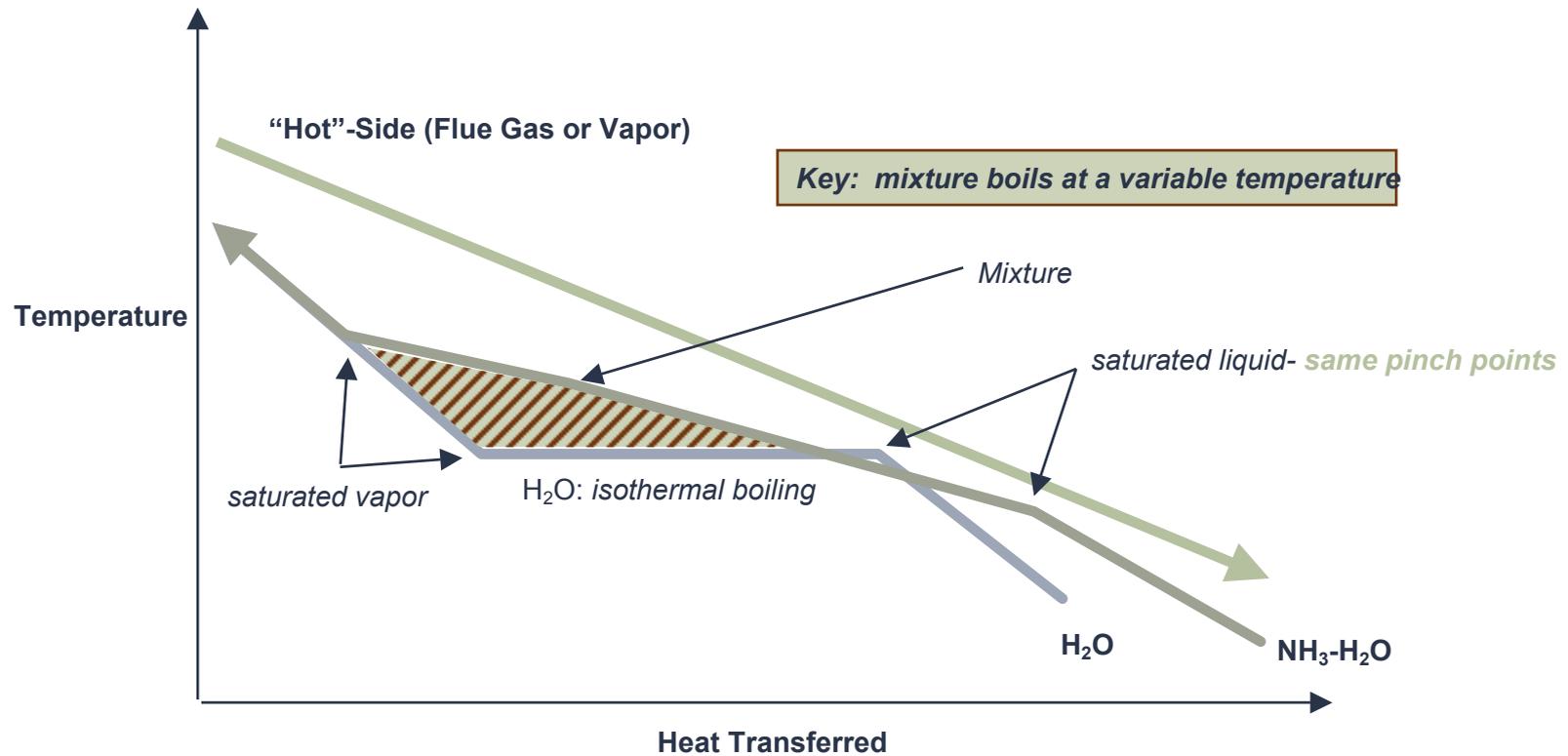
- Ammonia/water working fluid
- Vary the mixture of working fluid throughout the cycle
- Captures more thermal energy for generating electricity
- Higher level of recuperation
- **Result: More kilowatt hours of output per unit of fuel input, or cycle heat input.**

# Key Advantages of the Kalina Cycle

- Structural process, no technological or component improvements required
  - ⌘ improved heat transfer
  - ⌘ improved recuperation
  - ⌘ reliance on proven plant components
- Exploitation of an additional degree of freedom (composition changes within the power cycle similar to refrigeration plants)
- Capital costs less than Rankine cycle
  - ⌘ efficiency benefit is essentially all incremental margin

# Kalina Cycle: Inherent Advantages

## Improved Heat Transfer from Hot to Cold Streams

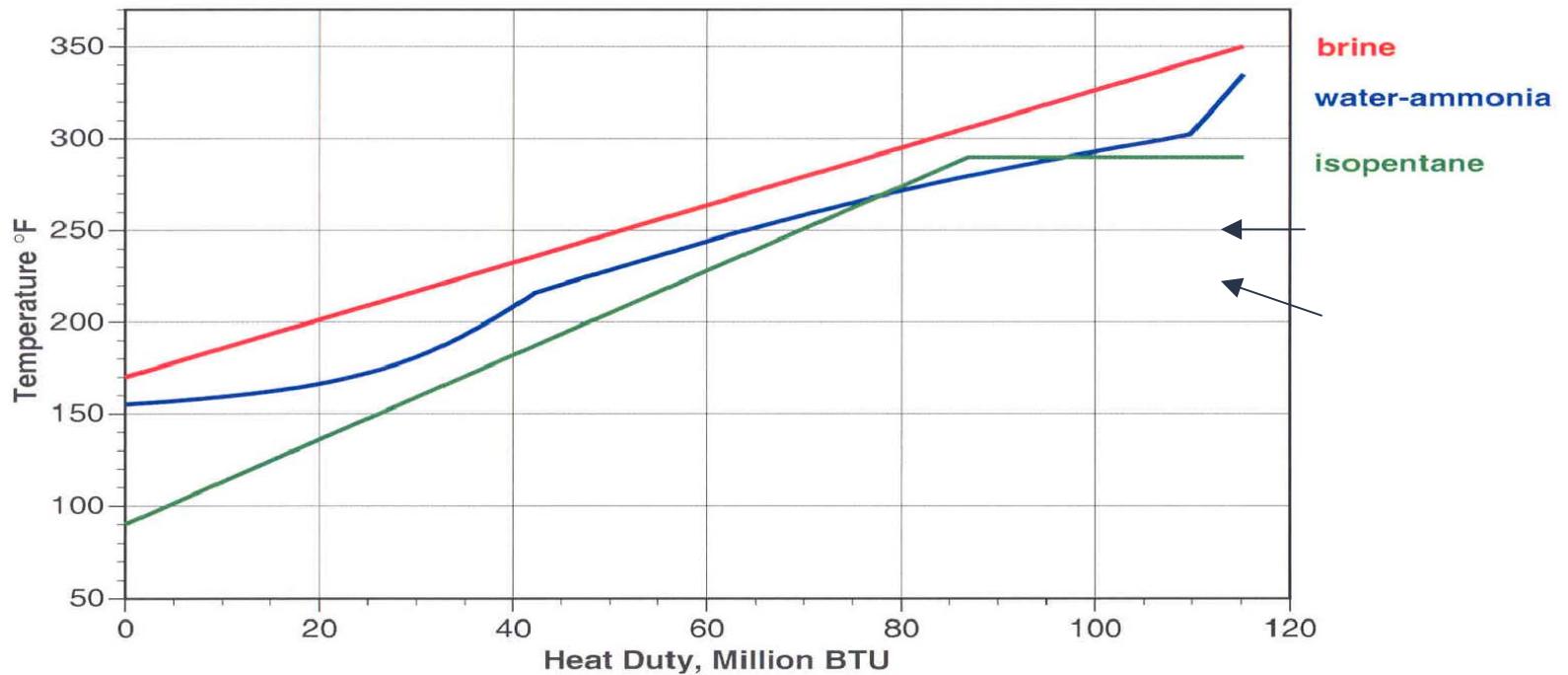


Key: mixture boils at a variable temperature

Closer temperature profile means improved efficiency

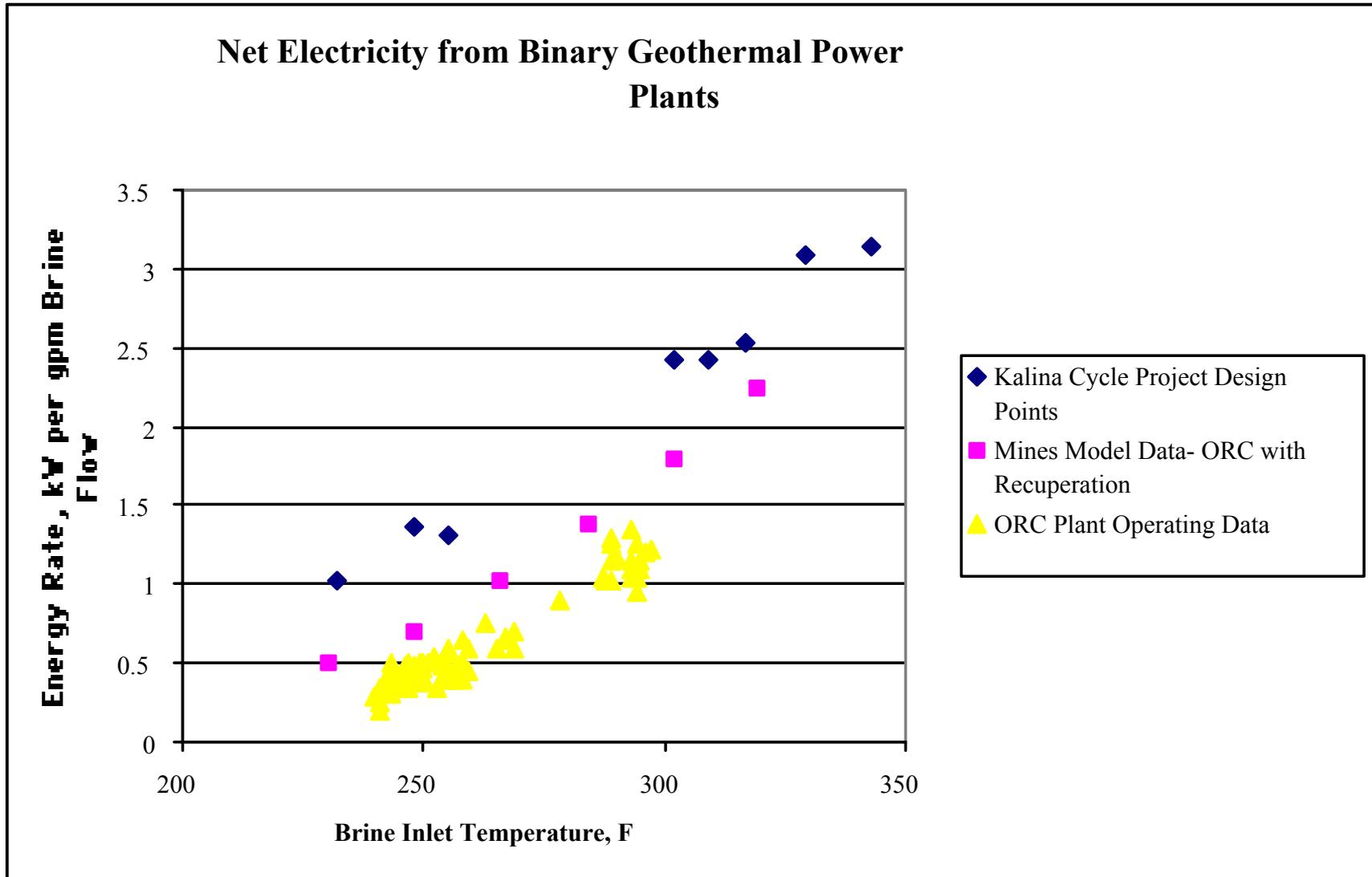
# Kalina Cycle Comparison

**Geothermal Heat Acquisition Comparison**  
Kalina vs. O.R.C.

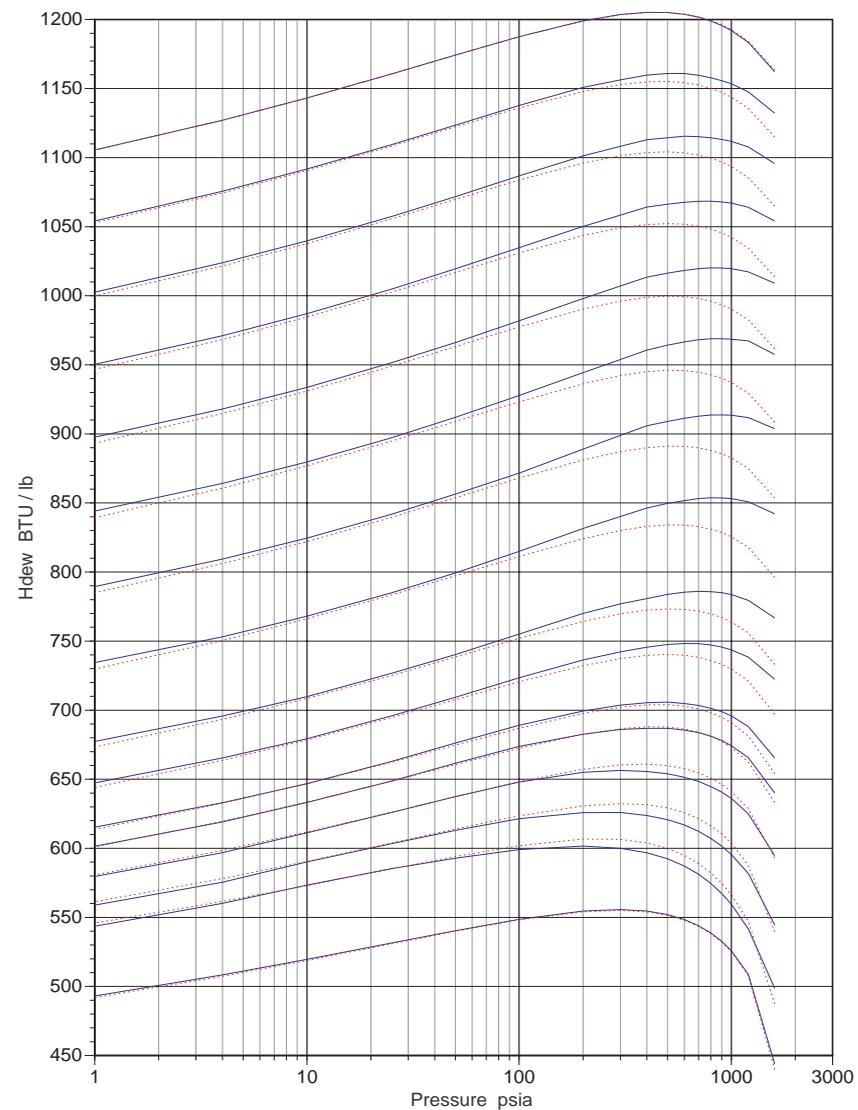
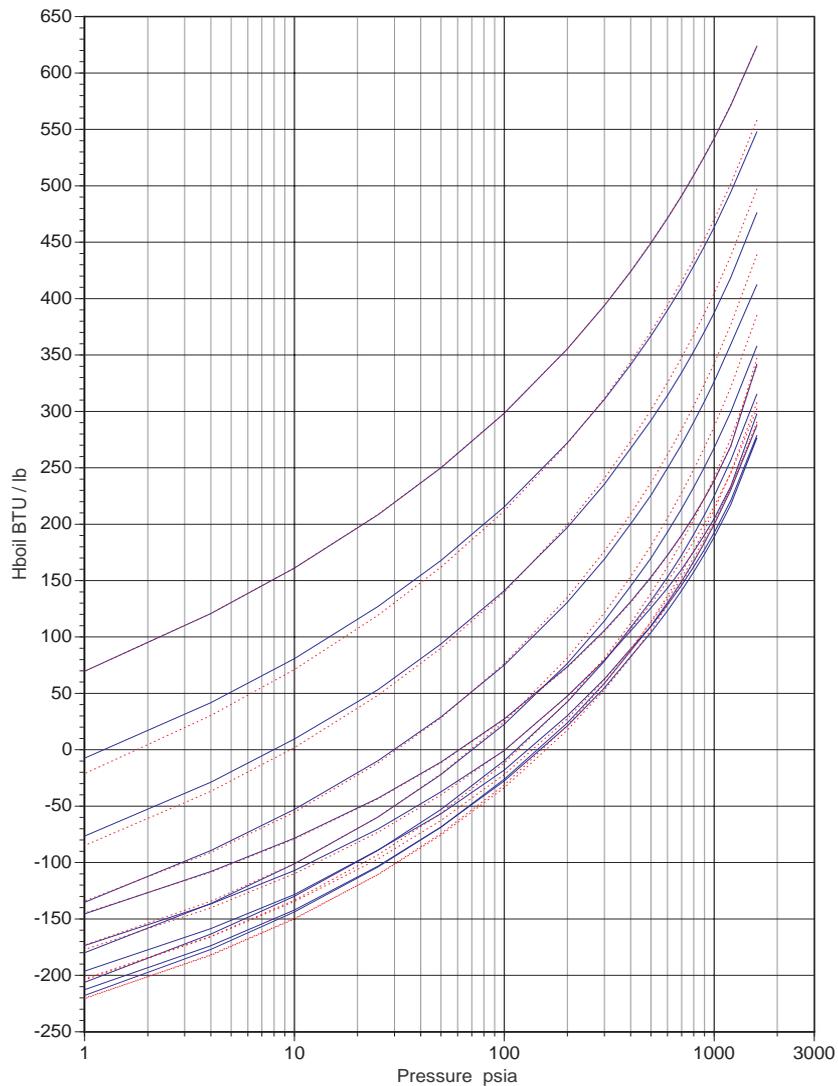


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# Kalina vs. ORC Efficiency Comparison

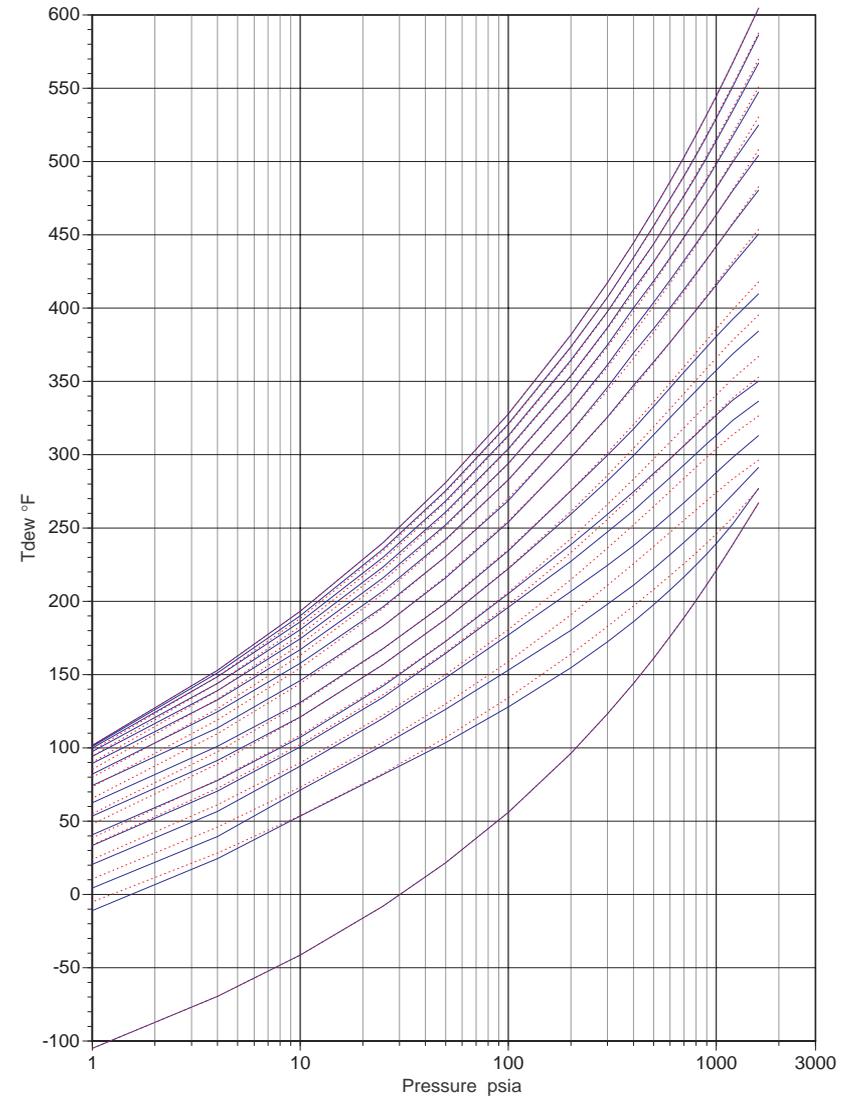
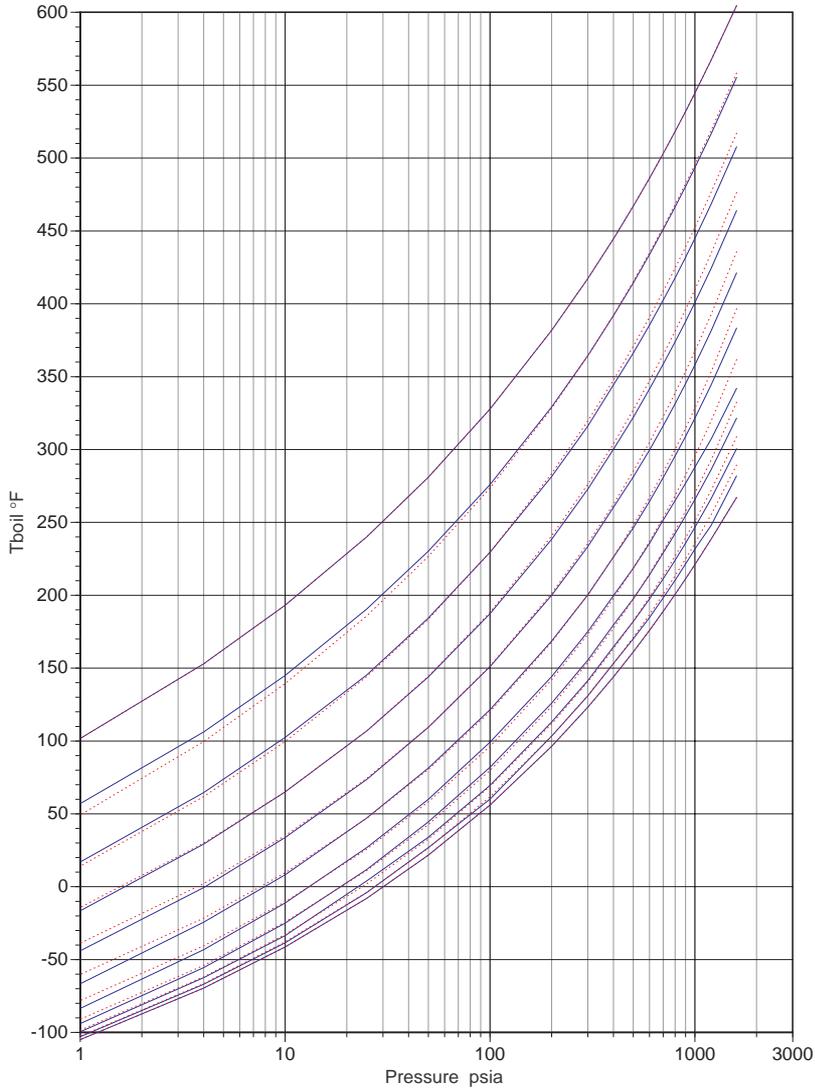


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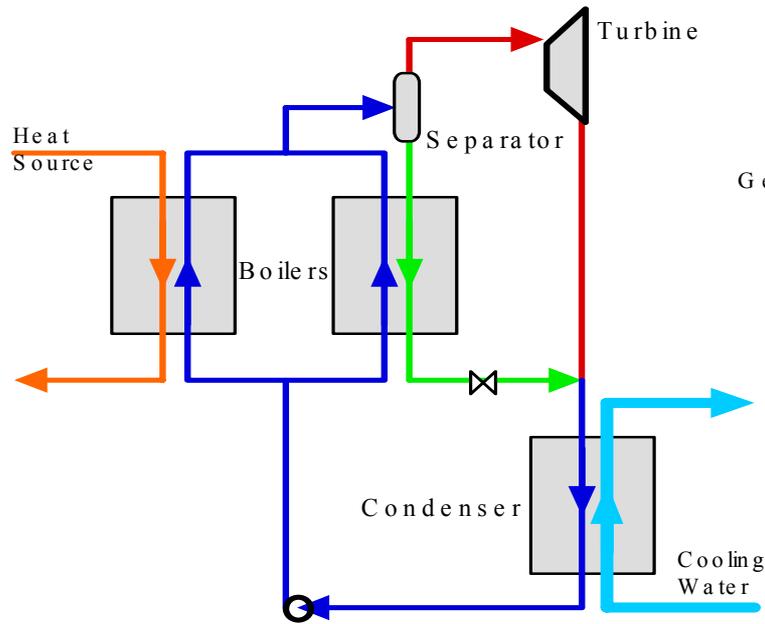
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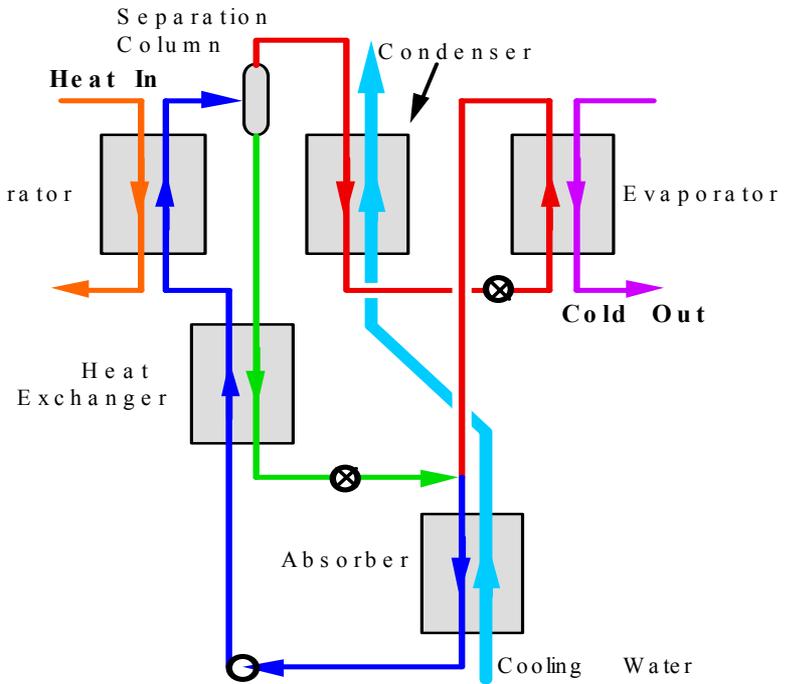


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# Kalina Cycle Components are Well Known



Kalina Cycle<sup>®</sup> System 34g  
Conceptual Flow Diagram  
**KCS34g**



**York Ammonia**  
**Absorption Chiller**

# Sumitomo Metals, Tokyo Japan

- Configuration: Waste Heat
- Customer: Sumitomo
- construction site: Tokyo
- electrical output: 3.1 MW
- Commissioned July '99



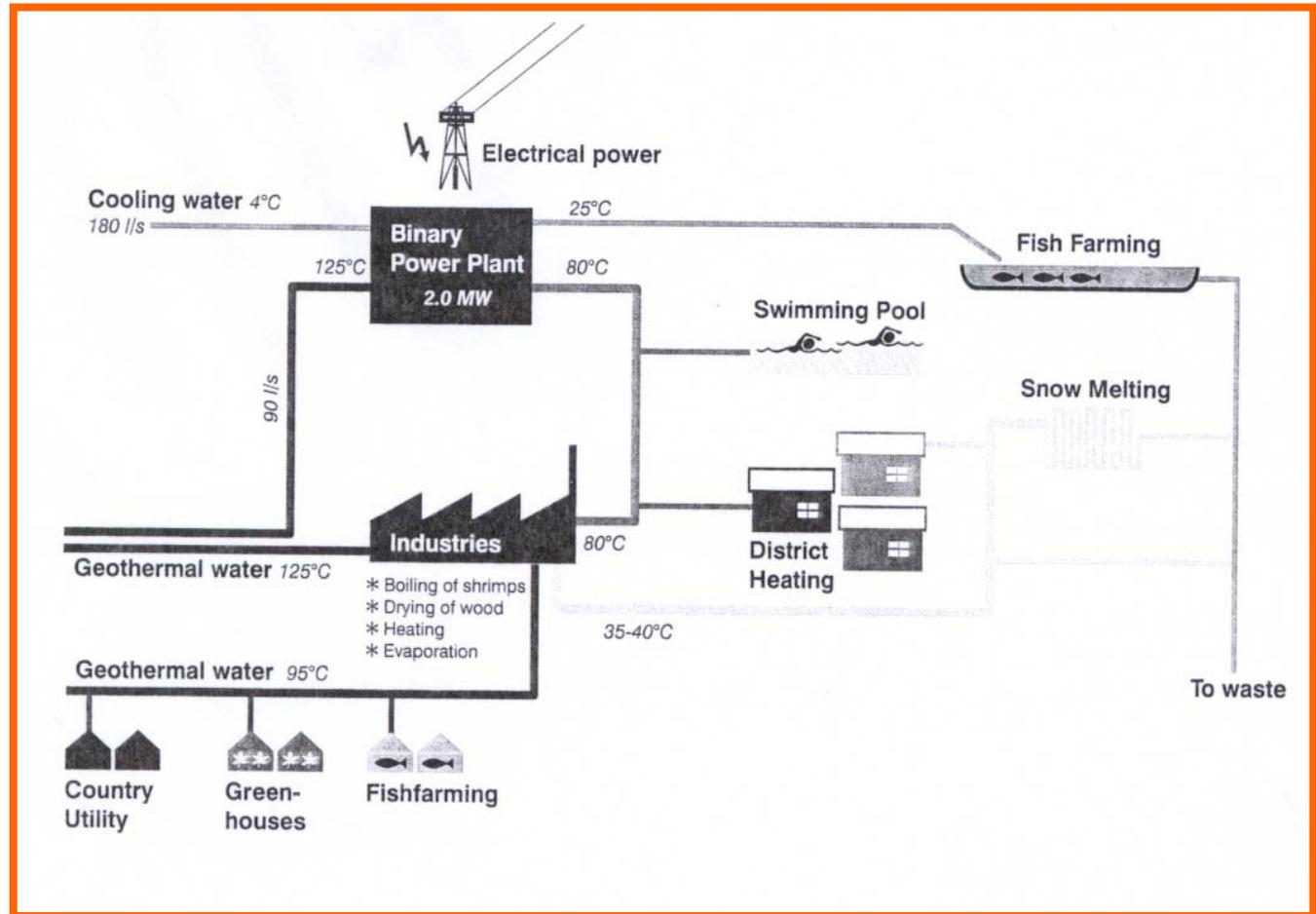
# The Húsavík Power Plant



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# An Innovative Cascaded Use

- Electrical power
- Spent brine used for heating
- Cooling water reused, too

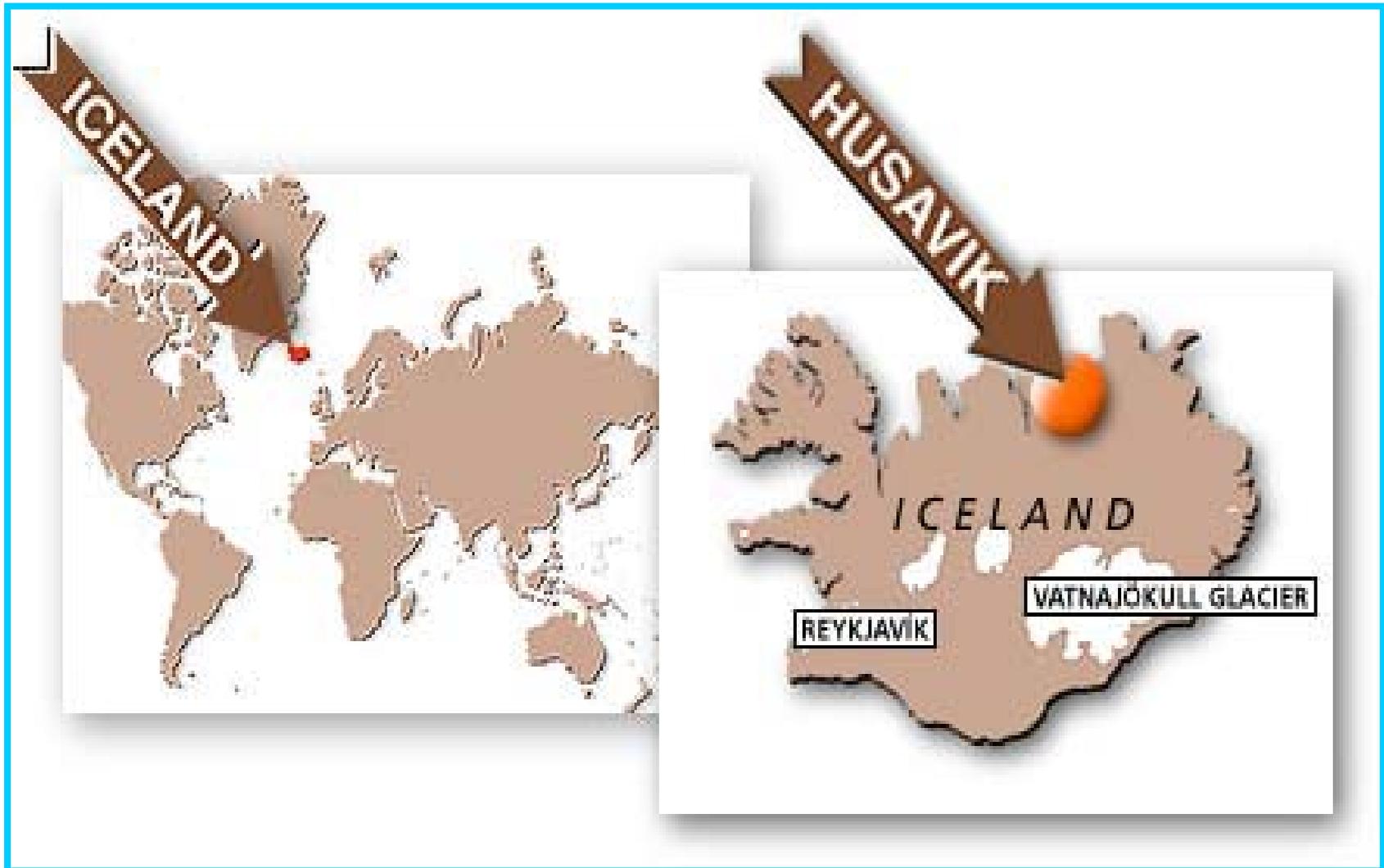


# Alligators: Not Iceland



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# Húsavík: A Northern City



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# The Region & The Resource



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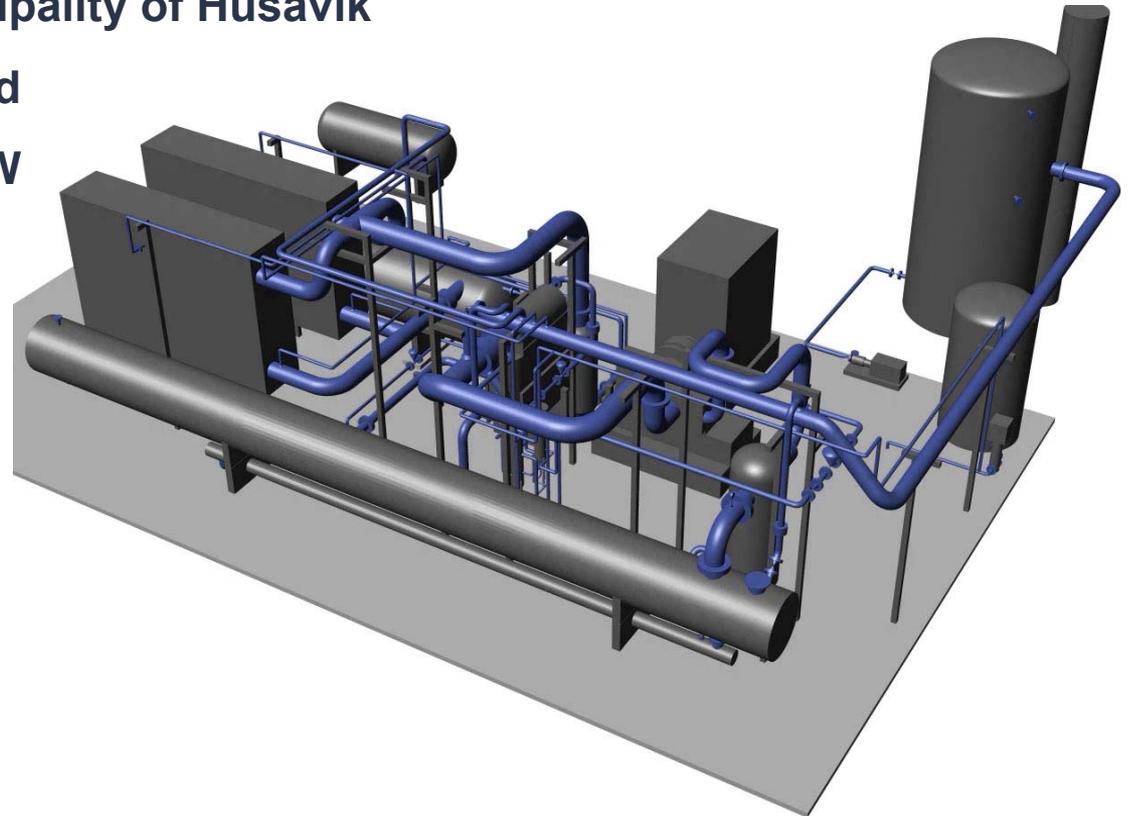
# A View of the City



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# Husavik Geothermal Plant, Iceland

- **Configuration:** Geothermal
- **Customer:** Municipality of Husavik
- **construction site:** Iceland
- **electrical output:** 2.0 MW
- **Commissioned July '00**



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- Bids from a number of binary cycle suppliers were submitted in 1999
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# The First Year of Operations

- Proven, stable operation
- Output was lower than design output due to lower resource temperature
- The separator caused problems; after the 2000-2001 peak winter season, this was fixed
- Some equipment mechanical erosion and pluggage resulting from poor chemical cleaning during commissioning
  - ✎ Separator screen
  - ✎ Turbine flow path
  - ✎ Feed pump

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# The First Year, Continued



- The plant demonstrated high reliability
- It happily operates largely unattended
- It proved to be quiet, sturdy, and not smelly at all.
- Performance testing completed November 28 and 29, 2001, corrected net power output of 1959 kW to 2060 kW

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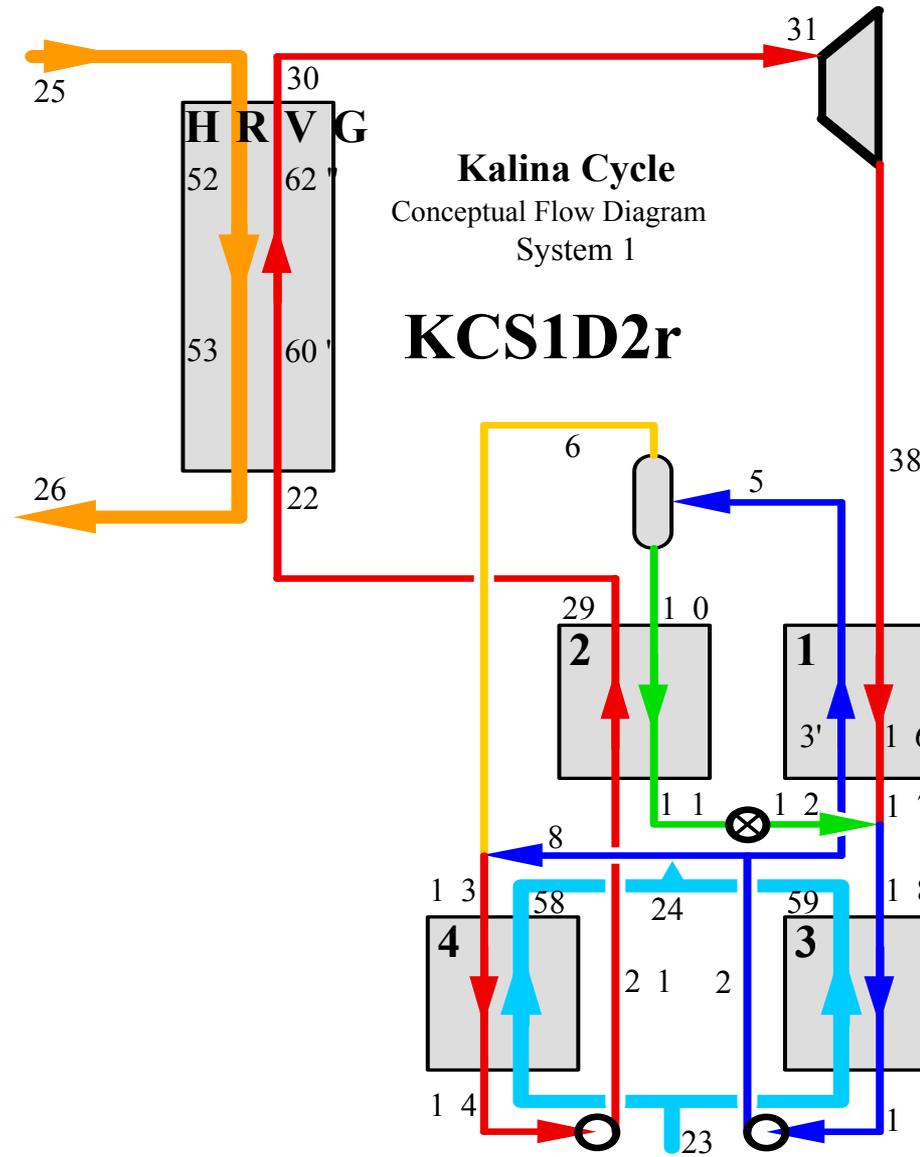
# Credits

- Many were involved:
  - ✎ Húsavík
  - ✎ Exergy, Inc.
  - ✎ VGK
  - ✎ POWER Engineers



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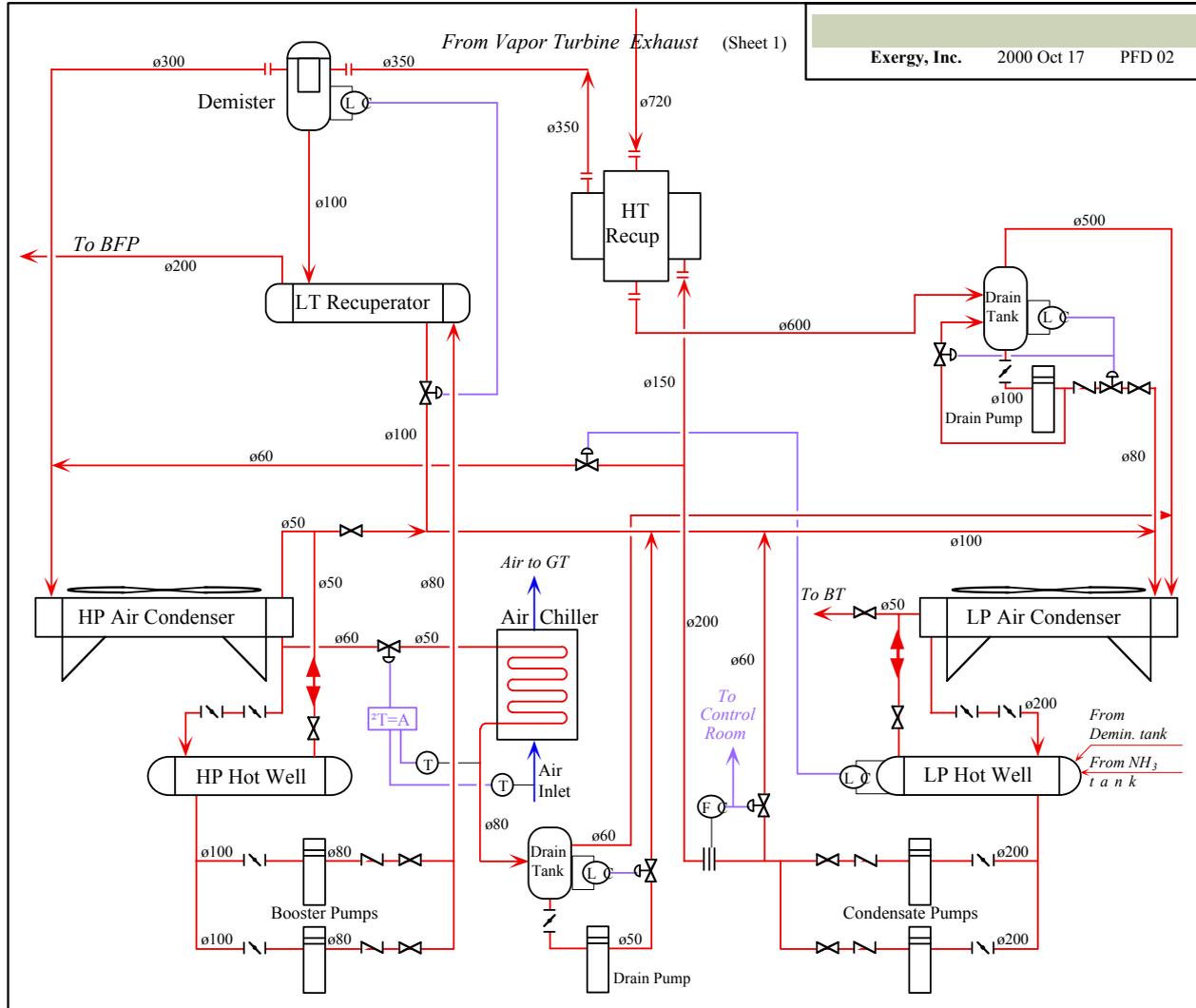
# Kalina Waste Heat Power Plant Cycle



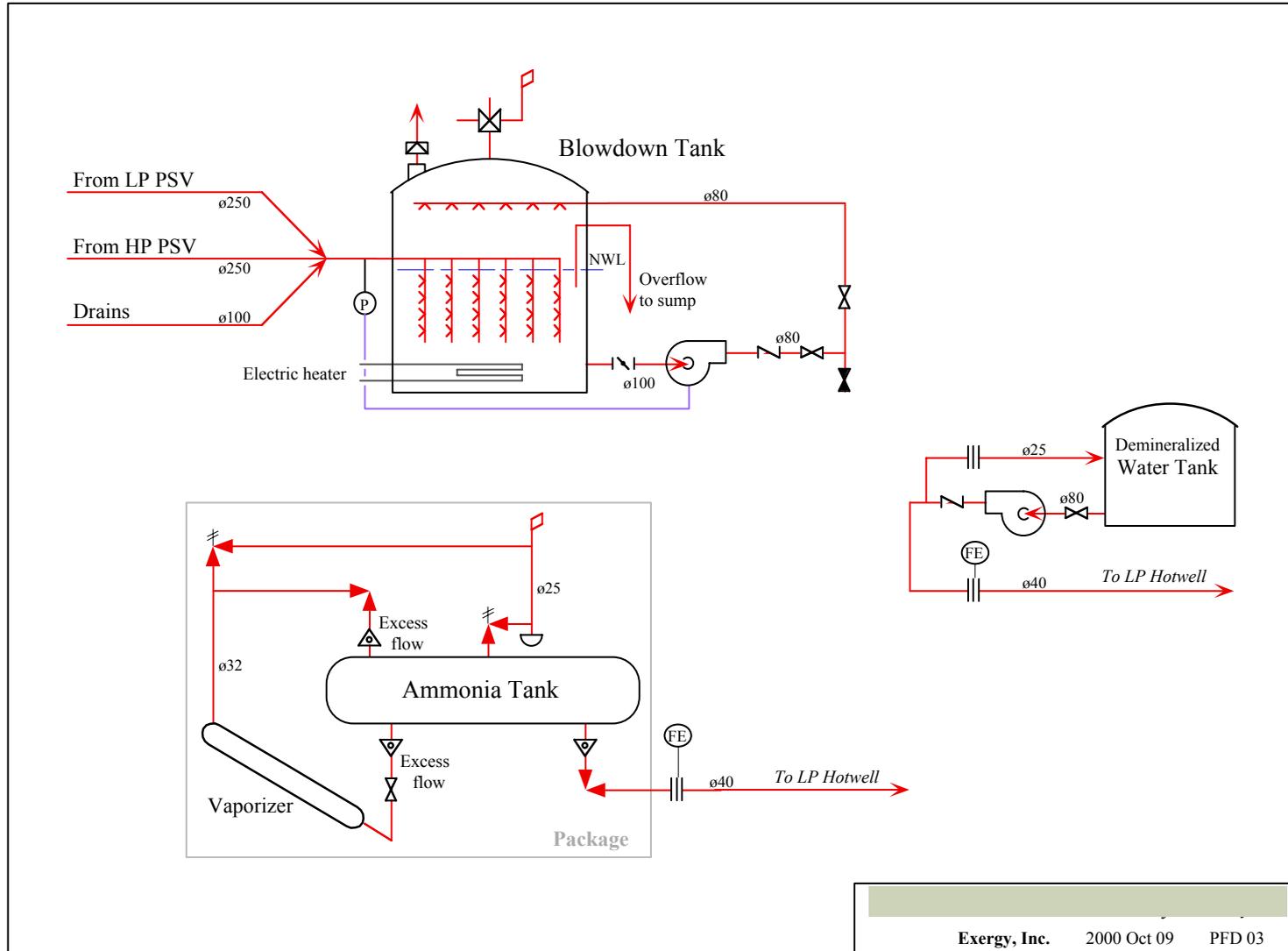
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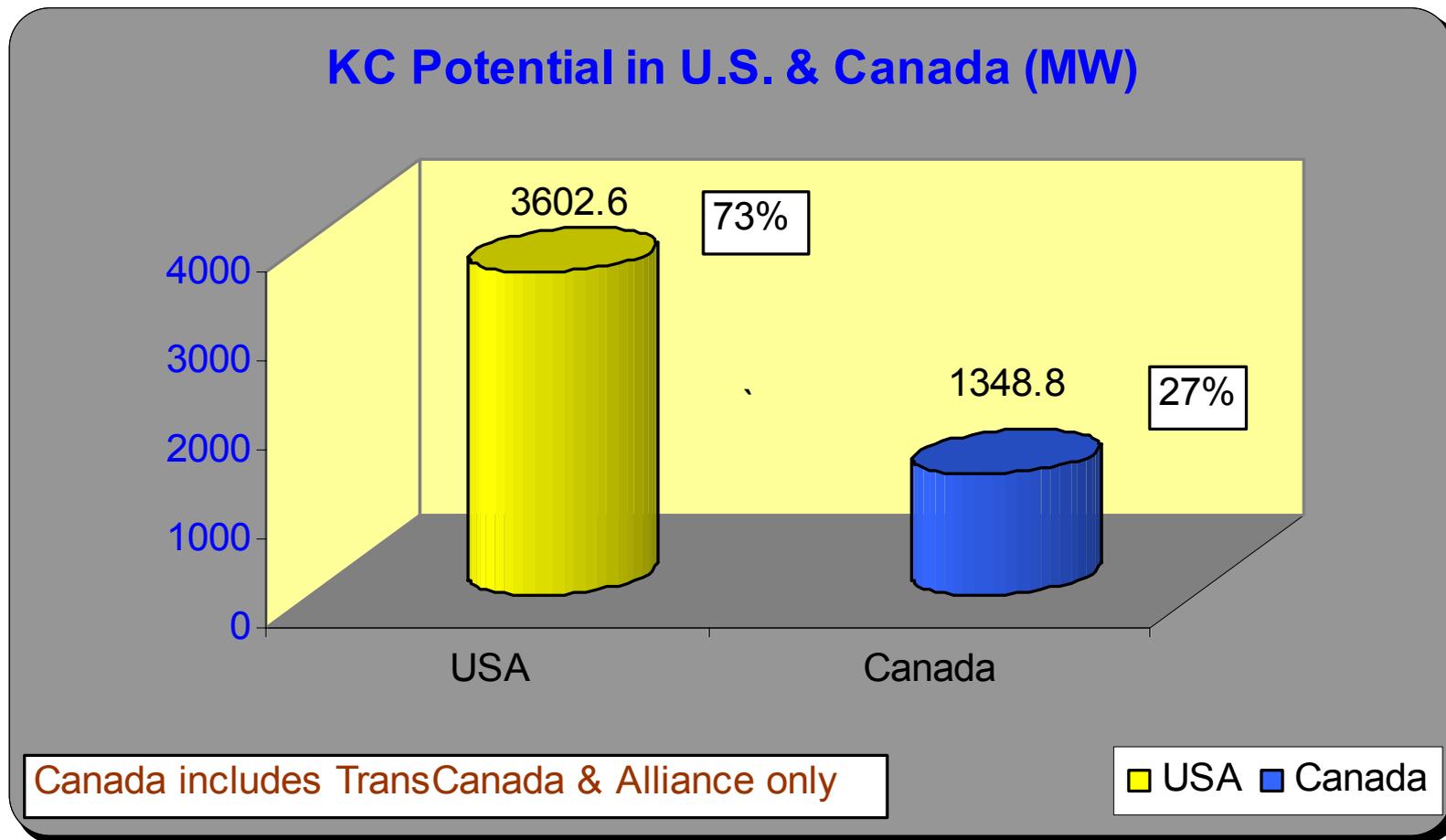
# Typical DCSS



# Typical Ancillary Equipment

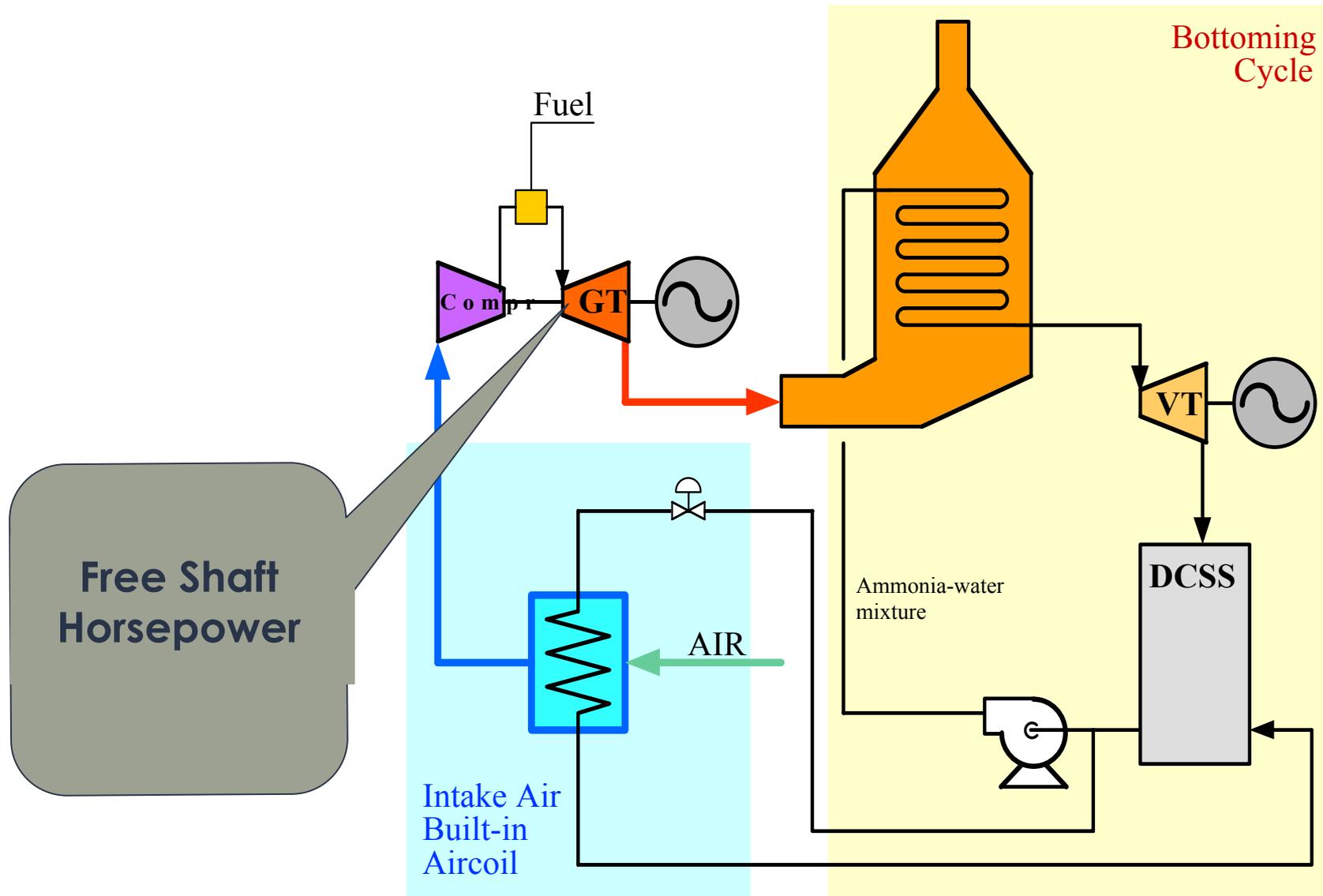


# Compressor Stations Bottoming (Waste Heat) Cycles U.S. & Canada (MW)



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# GT Integral Inlet Air Chiller



# Canoga Park Demonstration Project

- **Configuration:** Combined Cycle
- **Operator:** Boeing
- **Construction site:** California
- **Electrical output:** 6.5 MW
  
- **Commissioned June '92**
- **Operational '92 - '97**



# Why Kalina Advantages versus ORC ?

- Proven Reference
- Thermodynamics are Known and Practiced
- Higher Output for a Given Heat Source
- Lower Specific Capital Cost (\$/kW)
- High Degree of Plant Safety
- Kalina Cycle is BACT
- Strong OEM Partnerships

# Kalina Cycle vs. ORC

Normalized to 21,220,100 kWhr/yr and 2768 \$/kW installed cost

Assumptions:	<u>ORC</u>	<u>Kalina Cycle</u>
Net Capacity	2200 kW	2850 kW
Annual Avg. Capacity Factor	85%	85%
Annual KWhr Produced	16,381,200 kWhr	21,220,100 kWhr
Required Electricity Purchase	4,838,900 kWhr	-0-
Purchased Electricity	\$0.100/kWhr	\$0.100/kWhr
Electricity Purchase Cost	\$483,890/yr	-0-
O&M Cost	\$ 84,880/yr	\$ 84,880/yr
G&A, Property Tax, Other Exp.	\$ 98,288/yr	\$127,320/yr
Total Operating Expenses	\$666,558/yr	\$212,200/yr
EBIDT Advantage		\$454,458/yr
Escalation	2.5%/year	2.5%/year
PV Discount Rate	15%	15%
PV of EBIDT Advantage		\$3,271,662

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# Ammonia: A Worry?

- Needs to be used carefully
- Less hazardously flammable than more conventional working fluids
- Comparatively environmentally benign
- Ammonia vents easily, and is self-alarming
- Ammonia is the 6th largest chemical produced in the U.S.
- Proven safety record in ammonia synthesis, power plants and refrigeration plants

# Kalina Cycle Technology

- Commercially available
- Underlying principles are simple
- Effective and safe
- Utilised in refrigeration for over 100 yrs
- Breakthrough in:
  - understanding ammonia/water properties
  - applying to power plant operations
  - developing proprietary super efficient cycle designs

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